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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT SPONSORED MISSION OF JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN
REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON

1. GOJ IS SPONSORING MISSION OF TOP ECHELON, INFLUENTIAL JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN TO UNITED STATES MARCH 1-14. QTE MISSION UNQTE IS DISTINGUISHED FROM QTE STUDY GROUP UNQTE IN THAT FORMER (A) IS FORMALLY ORGANIZED BY FOREIGN MINISTER AND MISSION'S LEADER CARRIES TITLE OF ADVISOR TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND (B) IS LARGER, MORE IMPORTANT AND IS INTENDED TO CARRY OUT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS RATHER THAN SEARCH FOR INFORMATION, AS WITH STUDY GROUP.

2. 10-MAN MISSION (PLUS FOUR ADVISORS) WILL BE HEADED BY SUMITOMO CHEMICALS PRESIDENT HASEGAWA, WHO IS ALSO KEIDANREN (FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS) YICE PRESIDENT. OTHERS WILL INCLUDE MITSUI BUSSAN CHAIRMAN HASHIMOTO, BANK OF TOKYO CHAIRMAN HARA, NIPPON STEEL EXECUTIVE VP SAITO, AND FORMER AMBASSADOR KONDO. MISSION WILL VISIT HOUSTON, ATLANTA, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON.

3. PURPOSE OF MISSION IS TO FIND OUT US GOVERNMENT AND
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BUSINESS THINKING ON MAJOR ECONOMIC ISSUES AND PROVIDE

JAPANESE BUSINESS THINKING ON SAME SUBJECTS. SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST INCLUDE US ENERGY SITUATION AND POLICIES, WORLD ENERGY SITUATION INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS, INVESTMENT, AND US-JAPAN BILATERAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. FOLLOWING ITS RETURN, MISSION WILL DISTILL ITS IMPRESSIONS AND MAKE APPRAISAL FOR USE BY JAPANESE POLICY-MAKERS.

4. AMBASSADOR WILL MEET WITH MISSION FEBRUARY 22.

5. ACCORDING TO FONOFF, JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS FOR MISSION WITH FOLLOWING PEOPLE: VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, SECRETARY KISSINGER, DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, FED CHAIRMAN BURNS, INTERIOR SECRETARY MORTON, COUNSELOR SEIDMAN, QTE TOP PEOPLE UNQTE AT ERDA AND IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, E.G. MANSFIELD, SPARKMAN AND ULLMAN.

6. FONOFF HAS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO ASSIST JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS FOR MISSION, WHICH IT CONSIDERS HIGH PRIORITY UNDERTAKING. EMBASSY HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY APPOINTMENT REQUESTS AS POSSIBLE. MISSION ARRIVES WASHINGTON MORNING MARCH 11 AND DEPARTS AFTERNOON MARCH 14.
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